

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 396 By Senator Crowe

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

PORTS/HARBORS/TERMINALS. Provides for changes in the board membership of the Louisiana International Gulf Transfer and Terminal Authority. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Authorizes reimbursement for expenses incurred while performing duties authorized by the board.
2. Adds authority for the Authority to accept and use certain gifts, grants, donations, money, or property.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Present law provides that the Louisiana International Gulf Transfer and Terminal Authority shall be governed by a board of 16 commissioners, consisting of the secretary of the Department of Economic Development and the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, the chairmen of the House and Senate committees on transportation, highways, and public works or their designees and 12 commissioners appointed by the governor to be chosen on the basis of their demonstrated experience in maritime or business leadership, or both, and their stature and ability to act effectively for the best interests of Louisiana.

Present law provides for the 12 commissioners appointed by the governor as follows:

1. One member selected from a list of 3 nominees submitted by the Ports Association of Louisiana.
2. One member selected from a list of 3 nominees submitted by the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.
3. One member selected from a list of 3 nominees submitted by the New Orleans Steamship Association.
4. One member selected from a list of 3 nominees submitted by the Louisiana River Pilots Association.
5. Two members at large.
6. One member appointed by the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations.
7. One member selected from a list of 3 nominees submitted by the president of the Louisiana State Senate.
8. One member selected from a list of 3 nominees submitted by the speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives.
9. One member selected from a list of 3 nominees submitted by the Mississippi River Maritime Association.

10. One member selected from a list of 3 nominees submitted jointly by the chief executive officer and the governing authority of Plaquemines Parish. Such nominees shall be residents of Plaquemines Parish.
11. One member selected by the New Orleans Belt Railway, and appointed by the governor, who shall be a non-voting member.

Proposed law reduces the board of commissioners for the Louisiana International Gulf Transfer and Terminal Authority from 16 to 15 commissioners and reduces from 12 to 11 the commissioners appointed by the governor by removing the member appointed from names submitted by the New Orleans Steamship Association and replacing that member with one selected from nominees submitted by the Louisiana Maritime Association.

Proposed law provides that those commissioners selected from names submitted by the New Orleans Steamship Association and the Mississippi River Maritime Association will terminate on the effective date of proposed law.

Present law provides that members serve without compensation but are allowed reimbursement for expenses incurred in attending meetings. Proposed law retains these provisions but also allows reimbursement for expenses incurred in performing duties authorized by the board.

Proposed law authorizes the Authority to accept and use any gift, grant, donation, or otherwise any sum of money, or property, aid or assistance from the U.S., the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, or any person or legal entity for purposes consistent with responsibilities and functions of the authority.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 34:3494(A), (B)(3), and (D); adds R.S. 34:3499(A)(10); repeals R.S. 34:3494(B)(9))

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